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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8072

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INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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PRETORIA FOR RSO GLENN

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: ASEC PINS LE

SUBJ: EXPLOSION AT USIS JF KENNEDY CULTURAL CENTER BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 5916

1. GOL BOMB EXPERTS ADVISED THAT EXPLOSIVE DEVICE USED AT JFK CENTER 500 GRAMS TNT DETONATED BY WRIST WATCH TIME DEVICE. RSO SEARCH OF SCENE UNCOVERED PIECES OF CYMA WRISTWATCH SERIAL NUMBER 258796(90) MADE IN SWITZERLAND. REMNANTS OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE 9 VOLT BATTERY ALSO FOUND. WILL GIVE EVIDENCE WE FOUND TO GOL EXPERTS TOMORROW. EXPLOSION AT AUB MENTIONED REFTEL REPORTEDLY INVOLVED DEVICE MADE WITH GUNPOWDER AND FIRECRACKERS DETONATED BY SMALL DESK CLOCK AND BATTERIES. AUB BOMB APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NUISANCE NOT PLANNED LETHAL ATTACK. NO INDICATION IF TWO BOMBINGS RELATED IN ANY WAY.

2. AMBASSADOR CHAIRED SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY TO COUNTER WHAT COULD BE CONTINUING CAMPAIGN OF BOMBINGS AGAINST OUR INSTALLATIONS (SEE BEIRUT 5401). WE WILL MAKE NUMBER OF IMPROVEMENTS IN  
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SECURITY AT ALL OFFICIAL INSTALLATIONS AND WILL REQ ANY

NEEDED ASSISTANCE IN SEPTELS.

3. PLAN CONTACT FOREIGN MINISTRY AND GOL ARMY OFFICIALS TO  
EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER THIS EXPLOSION AND POSSIBILITY OF  
ADDITIONAL ATTACKS AGAINST US. WILL REQ ADDITIONAL GOL  
PROTECTION AS NECESSARY.  
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